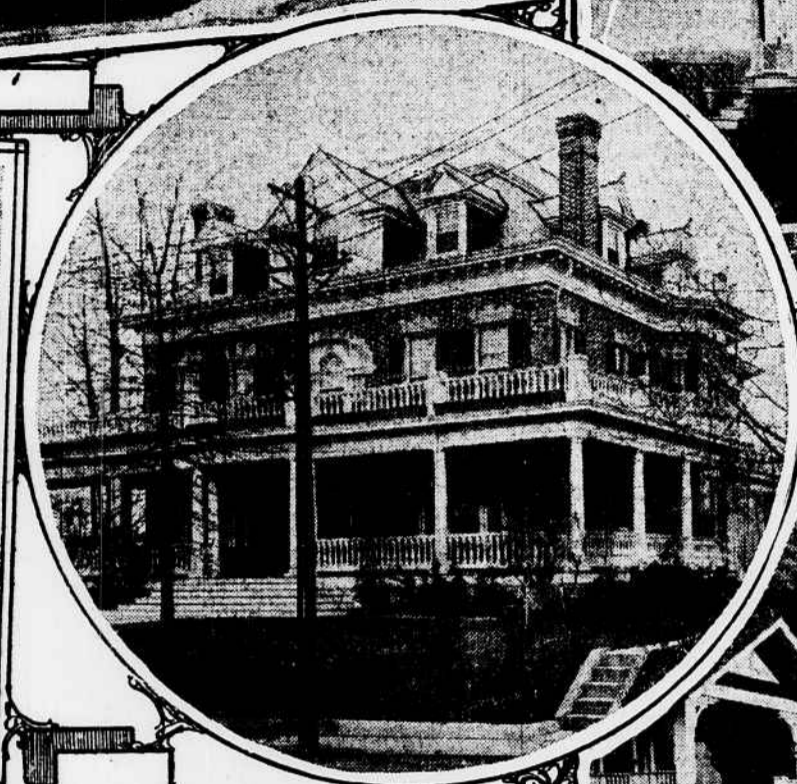


WASHINGTON SUBURBS AS SEEN BY THE CAMERA—CLEVELAND PARK.



WASHINGTON'S BEAUTIFUL SUBURBS

With the coming of spring the attention of the prospective home buyer, builder and renter is directed to the suburbs. It is the time of the year when the desire to have a home that is exposed to light and air on all sides is paramount with many who contemplate a change of residence.

Within the District of Columbia and in nearby sections of Maryland and Virginia there are many attractive suburbs where homes of this character are to be had. A wide selection is offered. They range in size from the modest bungalow or cottage to the residence with many rooms.

For the prospective home builder there are lots ranging in size from fifty-foot frontages to those whose area is measured in acres. Prices vary in such a way as to fit all pocketbooks.

Beginning today there will be published in the Saturday Real Estate Section of The Star a series of photographs and articles descriptive of Washington's many beautiful suburbs.

SUBURB'S BEAUTY ENHANCED BY UNEVENNESS OF GROUND

Hills and Hollows and Winding Roadways Have Resulted in Picturesque Development of Cleveland Park, Where Homes of Many Types Are Located.

BY J. CROSBY MCCARTHY.

The past twenty years have witnessed wonderful changes in the outlying sections of the District of Columbia. Tracts which were classed as farm land two decades ago have been transformed into residential communities which can compare favorably with those adjacent to any city in the country. Although the development of the outlying sections of Washington has been quite general, in those to the northwest of the city the improvement has been more rapid and in greater volume than what has been the case in other directions.

Ten years ago the territory adjacent to the north end of the Connecticut Avenue bridge known as Woodley was considered a suburb of the city. But today it is considered a portion of the city proper, for the major part of it now is built up with rows of houses. To the north of Woodley lies Cleveland Park, which still retains its suburban character.

Hills and hollows have made Cleveland Park one of the most picturesque of the many beautiful suburbs of Washington. In no suburb of Washington is the land so irregular. But those who have built

their homes in Cleveland Park have recognized the fact that irregular ground is susceptible of artistic development and therein lies the charm of the suburb.

Once President's Home.

The development of Cleveland Park dates back to the days when the late Grover Cleveland was President of the United States. After he became the owner of the residence familiarly known as Red Top, located in what is now the western section of the suburb, the territory adjacent to it became known as Cleveland Park.

At first the development of the suburb was confined almost exclusively to a few squares to the east of Wisconsin Avenue, which borders Cleveland Park on the west. But later the development extended to the eastward, and today finds the entire section between Wisconsin and Connecticut avenues improved with scores of beautiful homes.

Cleveland Park is a narrow belt measuring about ten squares from east to west and varying from three to five squares from its north to south boundaries. The western half of the suburb has the highest elevation, being but a few feet lower than the highest point in the District. The ground has a decided slope toward the east, but for the most part is quite level otherwise. About midway of the suburb the irregular ground begins. Just

before Connecticut Avenue is reached the hills and hollows become more pronounced, and the general slope toward the east becomes much steeper.

Many Winding Roadways.

The irregular steepness of the eastern portion of Cleveland Park has resulted in winding roadways, which have made the suburb much more picturesque than if the roads followed straight lines. For many years the only route from the eastern to the western ends of Cleveland Park was as winding as a cowpath. Then the middle section of Newark street was cut through, thus affording a much straighter route. Now Macomb street has been graded and macadamized between the two avenues, and this is fast becoming the most popular east and west thoroughfare in the suburb, for while there is a steady rise from Connecticut Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue, at no place is the slope as

steep as it is at the east end of Newark street.

In several instances in Cleveland Park the great difference in elevation between one street and another has necessitated the creation of streets of the "blind" type. This is true in the case of Ross place, which extends to the north of Macomb street for a distance of about 150 feet. At the blind end it widens out into a circle of sufficient size to permit vehicles to be turned around with ease. The difference of elevation between Ross place and Newark street to the north of it is about fifty feet.

Is a "Blind" Street.

Ashley terrace is another "blind" street. It borders the brow of the hill overlooking the steep slope leading down to Connecticut Avenue and connects with Highland Avenue near its junction with Newark street. At the other end of Ash-

ley terrace the ground takes a sheer drop of about twenty-five feet.

The homes in Cleveland Park constitute one of the most pleasing features of the suburb. Many different types of architecture are presented. The modified bungalow type of home appears to predominate, but there are also to be found houses of the English cottage and of the colonial and Spanish mission types. Their sizes range from modest six-room dwellings to extensive brick residences containing from fifteen to twenty rooms. Some of the homes occupy lots having an area of an acre or more, while others have but narrow strips of ground about them, but every home in Cleveland Park is of the detached type.

Stone Extensively Used.

Rough stone has played an important part in the development of Cleveland Park. In their neighborhood there are several good quarries of so-called native

granite and as a result almost all the homes in the suburbs have stone foundations. Many of them are of stone construction up to the level of the second floor and frame above. Stone and rough cast cement also have been used extensively in the homes in the section. There are only one or two brick houses.

Because of the irregular nature of the ground and the winding roadways many homes in the suburb border the rear yards of other residences. But this is not an objectionable feature in this suburb, for most of the homes in Cleveland Park boast of rear yards that are every bit as attractive as those in front. In connection with almost every home there is at least one flower garden, and the lawns usually are kept in the best of trim.

Homes Command View.

The homes bordering Ashley terrace and the eastern end of Highland Avenue, and also along a part of Newark street, command a view of Rock Creek valley and the northern portion of the city

which is not excelled anywhere. The view is finest in the fall of the year, when the trees in Rock Creek valley are beginning to change color.

In describing Cleveland Park mention also must be made of the great number of stately trees in the suburb. There are many chestnuts, but oaks appear to predominate. The eastern half of the suburb originally was thickly wooded, and the trees only have been cleared out where the improvements made it necessary.

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